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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with the Director re DDCI

Today I told the Director that Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, had informed me that Chairman Stennis had registered his views regarding a new DDCI with Henry Kissinger. I said I had had a friendly discussion the preceding evening with General Al Haig, White House staff, in which we had talked about the Administration's problems with Congress on matters concerning the intelligence community, and on the basis of this talk I felt I could, if the Director wished, go back to Haig on the question of the DDCI appointment. However, I said I was not recommending this since Stennis had registered his views to Kissinger and I assumed that anything I said to Haig would also end up going to Kissinger. The Director agreed that we might as well let the matter drop at this stage.

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25X1 1. ([] - JMM) Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and told him of the conversation the Director and Colonel White had with Senator Ellender yesterday regarding the handling of the Agency budget. (See Colonel White's Memo for Record.)

Mr. Braswell told me of some action Senator Stennis had taken in connection with a matter Braswell and I had been discussing recently. (See Memo for Record.)

Mr. Braswell said Senator Stennis wanted a briefing on Soviet naval power. []

25X1 [] Braswell said the Senator realized we were not qualified to brief him on the U.S. side of the picture, but he wanted information on the basis of which to judge "the purpose of the Soviet navy" and "what part of the oceans they can control."

25X1 2. ([] - JMM) Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called asking that I drop by in the next day or two.

25X1 3. ([] - JMM) Joseph Wolf, State Department, called to say Senator Stuart Symington was sending letters to State, Defense, NSA and CIA requesting briefings for Messrs. Moose and Lowenstein preparatory to a survey trip to Thailand and possibly Cambodia. Wolf indicated State would probably do the briefing on the basis of contributions from the other agencies, and would like to have participating agencies send representatives to a meeting with him on Tuesday, 14 December to discuss the matter. Although Lowenstein had told Wolf that "they had no ax to grind," Wolf has the impression they will be especially interested in "expansion of the war outside Vietnam" and post-war prospects in Vietnam and Thailand, and, of course, whether restrictions and prohibitions imposed by recent legislation are being observed. I said I would let him know who would participate in the meeting on Tuesday--probably []

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